

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the pending application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

As another matter, Applicants note that the Examiner has still not yet indicated whether the drawings filed on February 3, 2004 are acceptable. Applicants again request that the Examiner indicate the acceptability of the drawings in the next Office communication.

In the Office Action, the Examiner: (a) rejected claims 1-5 and 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roh et al. (alternately translated as 'No et al.') (Korean Laid-open Patent Publication No. 10-2002-0047618) in view of Liebenow et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,131,136); (b) rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roh et al. in view of Liebenow et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,644,046 to Roh et al.; and (c) rejected claims 7, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roh et al. in view of Liebenow et al., and further in view of Kang et al. (Korean Laid-open Patent Publication No. 10-2002-0030222). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants have simultaneously filed a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 with the present Response that sets forth that three of the inventors of the subject matter of claims 1-15 (Mr. Young Hoon Roh; Mr. Jung Ho Kim; and Mr. Jim Cheol Cho) are also the inventors of the subject matter disclosed in the

English language Abstract of Korean Laid-open Patent Publication No. 10-2002-0030222 which the Examiner relies on in setting forth the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections. Specifically, the above-named inventors submit that they are the inventors of a refrigerator and a detachable touch screen which enables a user to remotely control the refrigerator, as described in the English language Abstract of Korean Laid-open Patent Publication No. 10-2002-0030222.

As Applicants have shown that the subject matter of the English language Abstract of Korean Laid-open Patent Publication No. 10-2002-0030222, relied upon by the Examiner in the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections, is attributable to the above-named inventors, Applicants respectfully submit that the English language Abstract of Korean Laid-open Patent Publication No. 10-2002-0030222 is not valid prior art. See MPEP §§ 715.01(a), 715.01(c), and 716.10.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of claims 1-15 is improper, and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and to indicate the allowability of claims 1-15.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Entry and consideration of the present amendment, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action, and allowance of the present application and all of the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate. Applicants have made a sincere effort to place the present invention in condition for allowance and believe that they have now done so.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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